



**Caught
Driving
Over the Limit...**
then you're under arrest.

Facts About Alcohol

- *Alcohol is a drug.*
- *Alcohol acts as a depressant, not a stimulant, therefore slowing reaction time, dulling the senses and causing poor judgment.*
- *In the brain, alcohol acts to depress nerve transmission and reduces coordination between nerve centers.*
- *Alcohol causes blurred vision, and an increase in the time it takes your eyes to adjust to night vision. It also causes the disorientation of distance.*
- *As alcohol concentration increases, large groups of muscles are impaired, resulting in a loss of gross muscular coordination.*
- *If the alcohol concentration continues to rise, involuntary muscles are affected and can cause respiration to cease, resulting in death.*
- *A can of beer, a glass of wine, or a wine cooler is just as intoxicating as a shot of liquor. They all contain approximately the same amount of alcohol.*

Did you know?

- *A BAC of .08 or higher is Legally Drunk in the State of West Virginia.*
- *A BAC above a .05 may result in the revocation of your driver's license.*
- *Refusal of the designated Breathalyzer test will result in the revocation of your driver's license.*



**Buckle Up,
Be Alert, &
Don't Drink
and Drive.**



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**West Virginia will not tolerate
impaired driving.**

Criminal Penalties

Offense = Jail Time + Fines

	Jail Time	Fines
Under Age 21 • Zero Tolerance (.02 <.08) • 1st offense	-	\$25 - \$100
Under Age 21 • Zero Tolerance (.02 <.08) • 2nd+ offense	24 hours	\$100 - \$500
DUI • Alcohol or Drugs • BAC <.15 or Knowingly Permitting • 1st offense	Up to 6 months	\$100 - \$500
DUI • Alcohol or Drugs (Aggravated) • w/ BAC .15 or more • 1st offense	2 days to 6 months	\$200 - \$1000
DUI w/ Implied Consent (Refusal) • 1st offense	24 hours to 6 months	\$100 - \$500
DUI w/ Child Endangerment	2 days to 1 year	\$200 - \$1000
DUI w/ Bodily Injury	24 hours to 1 year	\$200 - \$1000
DUI w/ Death • Misdemeanor	90 days to 1 year	\$500 - \$1000
DUI w/ Death • Felony	2 to 10 years	\$1000 - \$3000
DUI • 2nd Offense	6 months to 1 year	\$1000 - \$3000
DUI • 3rd Offense or Subsequent Offense	1 to 3 years	\$3000 - \$5000

Administrative Sanctions

Offense = Drivers License Revocation

	MINIMUM REVOCATION PERIODS	
	Without Interlock	With Interlock
Under Age 21 • Zero Tolerance • 1st offense	60 Days	30 Days*
Under Age 21 • Zero Tolerance • 2nd+ offense	-	60 Days*
DUI • Alcohol • BAC <.15 or Knowingly Permitting • 1st offense	90 Days	15 Days*
DUI • Alcohol (Aggravated) • BAC .15 or more • 1st offense	-	45 Days*
DUI w/ Implied Consent (Refusal) • 1st offense	12 Months	45 Days*
DUI w/ Child Endangerment • 1st offense	6 Months	60 Days*
DUI w/ Bodily Injury • 1st offense	12 Months	60 Days*
DUI w/ Death • Misdemeanor • 1st offense	30 Months	6 Months*
DUI w/ Death • 1st offense	60 Months	12 Months*
DUI • 2nd Offense	-	12 Months*
DUI • 3rd Offense or Subsequent Offense	-	12 Months*

Consider This

If you are under the age of 18, a DUI offense will result in revocation of your driver's license until you reach the age of 18 or for the applicable statutory period of revocation, whichever is longer.

Any time your driver's license is revoked for a DUI offense, you must complete a prescribed DUI safety and treatment program before you will be able to reinstate your driver's license.



* Minimum revocation periods are based on participation in the WV Alcohol Test and Lock Program (Interlock). The Interlock Program is an option for some DUI offenders, but may be mandatory depending on the type of offense. Interlock is a mandatory requirement for any offender whose license is revoked or convicted for aggravated DUI (.15 and above) or for two or more alcohol-related offenses within a 10-year period. Participation periods vary depending on type and number of offenses.